

# BERTHOLLET'S PRESS REVIEW

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What are the laws regarding abortion  
in the world ?



## France makes abortion a constitutional right

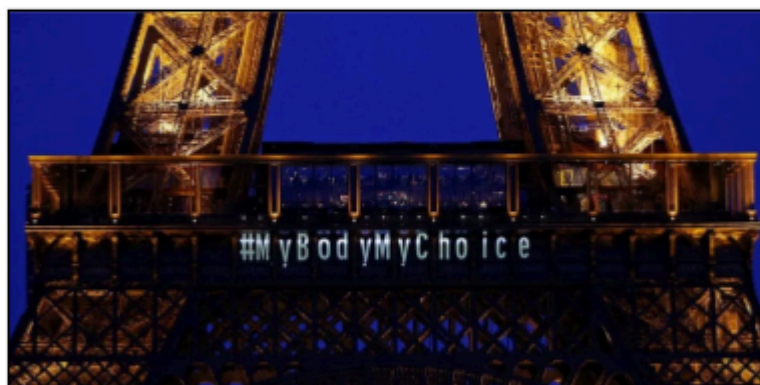
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*BBC News*

Abortion has been legal in France since 1975 thanks to the determination and the fight of Simone Veil. It permitted pregnant women to terminate an unwanted pregnancy legally. It was a huge improvement for women's condition of living.



On Monday 4th March , France decided to make abortion a constitutional right. France is the first country to explicitly state that an abortion will be guaranteed. Parliamentarians voted to revise the country's 1958 constitution to enshrine women's "guaranteed freedom" to abort. The overwhelming 780-72 vote saw a standing ovation in the parliament in Versailles when the result was announced.



This move could be an universal message sent to other countries encourage the same decision and act for progress.

<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-68471568>

## **How America's Two Abortion Realities Are Clashing**

March 8, 2024

*The New York Times*

The right to have an abortion was protected by Roe v. Wade, a 1973 landmark decision of the US supreme Court.



In 2022, when the Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade, and abolished the federal right to abortion, it scrambled the landscape of abortion access in America and left the states free to change their own laws on the subject.

Many conservative states made the procedure essentially illegal. But there's also been a striking response in progressive states, with many of them making efforts to expand abortion access, for both their residents and for women living in abortion-restricted states.

It illustrates the internal conflicts in the united states over the abortion issue.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2024/03/08/opinion/ezra-klein-podcast-mary-ziegler.html>

## **Micheál Martin 'very open' to recommendations to change Ireland's abortion law**

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*The IrishTimes*

The Irish minister of foreign affairs, Tánaiste Micheál Martin is open to changing abortion laws based on recommendations from a recent review. The review suggests key changes, including decriminalizing doctors and removing the three-day waiting period for abortion medication. Martin emphasizes the importance of considering the criteria set during the Eighth Amendment referendum but acknowledges the need for action. Social Democrats leader Holly Cairns urges prompt implementation of the proposed changes, while People Before Profit TD Bríd Smith highlights real-life cases exposing limitations in the existing law.



Micheál Martin said 17 out of 19 maternity hospitals are now providing termination services.

<https://www.irishtimes.com/politics/oireachtas/2023/12/14/micheal-martin-very-open-to-recommendations-to-change-irelands-abortion-law/>